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GEN. GATACRE DEFEATED BY THE BOERS

Hear Stormberg, Where He Found the Eenemy's Position Practically Impregnable.

WITH FEARFUL CASUALTIES

Among his Troops He Was Forced by a Hot Fire to Retreat.

LONDON, Dec. 11, 4:45 a. m.-It is hardly too much to regard General Datacre's repulse near Stormberg as the most serious defeat British arms have yet sustained in the whole campaign. Already the official advices show that two men were killed, nine officers and seventeen men were wounded and nine officers and five hundred and ninety-six men are missing But it is evident that the worst is not yet known. The proportion of wounded and killed is so small when compared with the missing—who are undoubtedly prisoners in the hands of the Boers-that the supplementary list of casual tes is awaited with serious misgivings It is also feared that there were peri-

pas losses of guns and equipment. The most serious aspect of the affair The most serious ampeted to the terms on the putch in Cape Colony, who have on the putch in Cape Colony, who have been wavering as to whether to throw in their lot with the Boern. Hosts of the parthern farmers are now likely to join the rebellion. The defeat is also seri-ous because it will delay the junction of General Gatacre with General French at Nasuwpoort. The plan was or their combined forces to relieve the ressure on Lord Methuen's column. The disclosure of such a strong force t Stormberg was quite unexepected. Doubtless General Gatacre was the vicim of treacherous guides, but the realt points also to the absence of proper

tavalry scouting.

The British troops who recently occupled Arundel are advancing. They have had several skirmishes, but no asualties. Three miles north of Arun del they found the Boers 2,000 strons.
The Pretoria reports of renewed fehing at Moddar rived originated from the fact that the British, with a team of thirty-two oxen, hauled a mayat gun to the top of a high ridge north of Moddar river town, whence by fired lyddite shells,

MOLTENO, Cape Colony, Sunday, Dec. 10.—General Gatacre left Putters Krasl by train for Molteno and then ceeded by forced march twelve miles towards Stormburg. He had two housand men, including the Northumerland fusillers, the Royal Irish rifles nd two batteries of field artillery.

The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boer position, was reached, when a hot fire was unex ectedly opened upon the advancing

The engagement began at 4:15 a. m At 7 a. m., after a sharp artillery duel the British retired. They are now marching toward Molteno, General Gatacre found the enemy's position imregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Borra. LONDON, Dec. 11.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker at Cape

"Gatacre reports: 'I deeply regret to form you that I met with serious reverses in the attack on Stormberg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides, and found impracticaground. Casualties, so far as known t present, are:

Second battalion Royal Irish rifles-Younded: Lieutenant Colonel Hager Major Seaton, Captain Bell, Captain Kelly, Lieutenant Stephens, Lieutenant Barnardston, Second Lleutenant May nard, twelve men; missing: Captain Wier, Lieutenant Christie, Second Lieu lenant Rodney, two hundred and ninety

Seventy-fourth field battery-Severe Wounded: Lieutenant Lewis, three

men; slightly wounded: Two men Seventy-seventh field battery-Killed: One gunner; wounded: Major Perce

Northumberland Fusiliers-Missing: Major Stevens, Captain Flacher, Cap-tain Morley, Second Lieutenant Wake Becond Lieutenant Coulson, Lieutenant Radeliffe.

Dorsetshire regiment-Missing: Three hundred and six non-commissioned officers and men.

Royal Berkshire regiment-Killed;

The remainder of my casualties will

he wired as soon as ascertained."

MOLTENO, Cape Colony, Sunday,
Dec. 10, 5:26 p. m.—General Gatacre's
movement may be termed a recommaismance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of

the Boers, who were strongly en-trenched along the Stormberg range. He left Putters Kranl shortly after noon Festerday with a fighting force slightly Leaving Molteno at 9 o'clock last

evening he made a memorable night march over the rocks and veldt. There was no sound except a steady tramp, and there were no distinguishing lights The bright moon had gone down about

The column arrived safely within a touple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional sudden call of "halt" under Suddenly a terrific fire opened simultancously on the British front and right fack. The Royal Irish rifles, which ment.

formed the advance, sought shelter be hind a neighboring kepje and wer speedily joined by the remainder of the It was soon found, however column. It was soon found, however, Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops, therefore, sought a safer position about half a mile away, two batteries in the meantime engaging the Boers and cov-ering the troops in their withdrawal.

The action now became general at long range and a detachment of mounted infantry moved northward with view of geiting on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly a strong commando was seen moving from the north, and the Royal Irish rides and the Northumberland regiment were sent out to meet it. It was soon discovered, how-ever, that the Boers had machine guns well placed, and the British were compelled to face a terrible fire.

Finding it impossible to hold the po-sition in the face of an enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on teno, the Boers following up the retire-ment closely and bringing two big guns to bear on the retiring column.

It is believed here that the British casualties were not serious.

LONDON, Dec. 11.-The war office has received the following dispatch from Cape Town dated Sunday night: "The position of the enemy in Storm berg district last night was the fol-

"At Stormberg, six laagers; at Dord recht, 800 men; 23 miles south of Starks Troom, 230 men."

FRERE CAMP, Natal, Dec. 10, 9 p m.-Heliographic communication with Ladysmith continues daily. General Schalk-Burger and Commandant Louis Botha are in command of the Boe forces investing Ladysmith. Their

A heavy report was heard in the di rection of Colenso to-day. The sound was followed by a big cloud of smoke. The supposition is that the enemy has blown up the highway bridge.

The Transvaal government has de-cided to consider Mr. Winston Church-III ,who was captured November 15, between Estcourt and Chieveley, a com-batant officer and to retain him as a prisoner. Mr. Churchill has applied to General Buller with a view of getting an exchange.

This has been a quiet day here. The

health of the troops is excellent

LONDON, Dec. 11,-The Times pub lishes the following dispatch from Mol-

"General Gatacre attempted to assault the Boer position at Stormberg at dawn to-day (Sunday). The guides led us wrong, and we were surprised while in fours, and after a very trying night murch our retirement was ef-fected in excellent order. There being no hurry even at the most critical time the Northumberlands and Irish rifles behaved as if on review day. I fear our losses are heavy. One of our guns we had to abandon.'

Major Elliott reports that Dalgetty with a force, has gone toward Dord-

recht to co-operate with Gatacre.
"The railway bridge at Moddar river
was captured December 7. Methucu reports that he made a demonstration up the lines of the railway at daylight today with artillery. The enemy did not respond. Metheun is receiving the remainder of his reinforcements and sup-He has established detached posts on his lines of communication.
"Mafeking reports all well on Novem-

TWELFTH CENSUS.

The Division of Agriculture Will Give Special Attention to the Subject of Irrigation-The Geological Survey is Nearly Related to Irrigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-A special effort will be made by the division of agriculture of the Twelfth census of the inited States to collect and tabulate important data relating to irrigation of arid and semi-humid regions of the United States. A preliminary schedule has been prepared, and will soon be sen has been prepared, and will soon be sent out, to obtain the names of corporations and individuals owining canals and ditches. A request's made also for the names of the principal canals or ditches in their order down stream, the ditches to the right(looking down stream) being arranged on the first page of the list and those heading to the left on the last page. The principal schedule now in course of preparation will be mailed to addresses thus obtained, calling for further data, which will be supplemented by detailed statistics gathered by the census enumerators.

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It should be noted by all interested in the subject that these various inquirles of the census office in no way conflict with or duplicate the work with reference to irrigation, which is being conducted by any other department of state. The mest nearly related inquiry is that of the geological survey, which, like that of the census, is under the more immediate direction of Mr. F. H. Newell, the special agent for irrigation in the Eleventh census, and hydrographer of the geological survey.

The volume and value of these statistics, it is stated, will depend very largely upon the attention and interest shown therein by those engaged in irrigation, and its esanestly hoped that all to whom the schedules are addressed will appreciate the importance of the request, and make prompt and oserful reply, as the future development of this year to provide the complation of facts relating to its irrigation, such as contemplated by the Twelfth census.

Nebreska Benatorship.

Nebraska Senatorship.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 10,—The fight for the senatorship left vacant by the death of Senator Hayward, grows hotdeath of Senator Bayward, slow and ter every hour. That either Senator William V. Allen or G. M. Hitchcock, editor of the Omaha World-Herald, will be the successful competitor is now generally conceded, as the candidacy of W. H. Thompson, of Grand Island, was announced teo late to be of any mo-

ALEJANDRINO COMMANDER.

General MacArthur and Wounded.

TREASURY RECORDS THE

Of Filipino Government Found at Mangatarem-Eighteen Killed and Nine Captured.

MANILA. Dec. 10, 4:30 p. m .- An ex pedition headed by the battleship Gregon left Manila for Subig last night. It is reported that the Filipino com mander, General Alejandrino, with his staff, has surrendered to General Mac-Arthur and there is also a rumor that Alejandrino is at Agullar suffering from a wound received in a fight be tween insurgents and bandits and that he will be given an opportunity to sur-render and will be properly cared for Major Spence, with a column of the Thirty-second regiment, captured a new insurgent camp, an uncompleted stronghold, in the Tassan district. He left Dilanupan at daybreak yesterday and marched ten miles along mountain frails, finally encountering a large band of insurgents who retreated after a brief skirmish. The Americans had

The records of the treasury of the socalled Filipino government, together with a quantity of paper money and another Nordenfeldt, have been found at Mangatarem.

Three Americans, who, with s missary sergeant of the Twelfth infan try, were traveling from San Fernando to Angeles, left their escort for a moment and went into the bush. As they did not return speedly a search was made for them, but they could not be found. They were probably captured by the rebels.

A mail orderly disappeared between Angeles and Bambam. He also is sup-

Angeles and Bambam. He also is supposed to have been captured.

A force of 100 insurgents attacked, yesterday, near Ballueg, a wagon train escorted by thirty men of the Sixteenth infantry. A sharp engagement followed. The Filipinos lost eighteen killed and nine captured.

During the recent attack by the insurgents upon Vigan, the Filipinos obtained possession of the Plaza, and of a church in the center of the town from which the Americans dislodged them. It seems that the escaped Spaniards obtained guns and fought with the Americans against the Insurgents,

THE IRENE INCIDENT

From the Standpoint of the Spanish Prisoners - Claim That Captain Coglan Gave Assurance of Protection From the Insurgents.

MANILA, Dec. 10, 4:30 p. m .- Colone Julio del Pio, who is among the releas ed Spaniards that have just arrived here, gives an interesting version famous Irene incident in Subig the. bay in July of last year. He was formerly in command of the Spanish troops in the Olongapo district. His narrative is corroborated by Senor Rafael Rosello, a wealthy Spanish merchant, who also fell into the hands of the insur-

Both declare that the Spaniards sur rendered to Captain Coglan, of the U. S. chuiser Raleigh, on an express agreement that they were not to be given to the Filipinos, and they assert that the Spanish government has promised to press their claims against the United States for their long imprisonment,

According to their story a thousand insurgents were besieging Olongapo, re there were two companies of arines and a battery of artillery, to gether with many civilians. The Ger-man cruiser Irene entered the harbon to take the women and children on board. At this juncture the insurgen steamer Filippinas, flying the insurgent flag, started to leave. The Irene thre a shot across her bow, claiming the right to stop her, as Germany had not cognized the insurgent flag. The Filippinas then raised a white flag and departed. When she returned she flying the insurgent flag and was accompanied by the U. S. warships Conord and Raleigh. The Irene was then leaving the harbor with non-combat-

"Without the least warning," says Colonel Del Rio and Senor Rosello, American warships began to bombard us, firing about twenty-five shots See ing that resistance was useless, us our guns had never been mounted, we raised the white flag. Captain Cogian came ashore with several officers, and it was expressly stipulated that the surrender was to the Americans alone Captain Coglan was saked to promise that the Spaniards should not be deliv ered to the insurgents, and when he had given his piedge the entire garrison surrendered.

"The Americans sailed away on the evening of the 7th, leaving the garrison practically unarmed. They returned on the 19th. Meanwhile the insurgents had repeatedly fired upon the town. Captain Cogian now ordered the Spaniards to embark on the Filippinas. When they protested he said that although in the hands of the insurgents they would be treated as American prisoners.

"Nine civilians, all merchants,

pinas by reducing them, all were well treated.

Colonel Del Rio, in a separate statement, says:

"Captain Coglan gave his word that our capitulation would be accepted as it was made—that is, to the Americans. He promised that we should not be given into the hands of the insurgents,

and I believed he was sincere.
"Later the Concord went to Cavita for instructions, returning with an or-der from Admiral Dewey that we were to be handed over to the insurgents." Colonel Del Rio and Senor Rosello declare that the Irêne left her anchorage at 6 o'clock in the morning, and that the American warships arrived at 10:30, passing the German cruiser as she was leaving the bay. They express surprise at the popular belief that the Irane slipped her cable on the appearance of the Concord and the Raleigh.

WEST VIRGINIA

Senators and Representatives at the National Capital Are Industriously Looking After the Interests of Constituents - Petitions and Bills Introduced.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer, WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—West Virginia's representatives in both houses have been active during the week in the presentation of matters of interest to their constituents. Mr. Dayton presented the petition of the heirs of John A. Hutton, of Randolph county, praying for the reference of his war claims to the court of claims; petition of heirs of Madison Daniels, of Randolph county, praying for the reference of hir war claim to the court of claims; petition of the heirs of John T. Shaull, of Jefferson county, asking for the reference of his war claim to the court of claims, and a petition of James Bane, of Jefferson county, praying for the ref-erence of his war claim to the court

Senator Scott has presented in the senate a petition of John A. Pierson and other citizens of Nicholas county; John D. Culbertson and other citizens of Wheeling; Rev. G. W. Brent and other citizens of Benwood; J. W. Claypool and other citizens of Nicholas county; Martin Talbott and other citizens of West Union; Jennings M. King and other citizens of Terra Alta; Geo. E. Fuller and other citizens of Mason county; J. H. Hawley and other citizens of Wellsburg; Jos. S. Pomeroy and other citizens of Fairview; O. W. O. Hardman and other citizens of Middlebourne; A .M. Grimes and other citizens; C. Collins and other citizens of Pennsboro; B. S. Welsh and other citizens of Harrisville; S. B. Archer and other citizens of Wilding; B. D. Mahone and ninery-seven other citizens of Ma-son county; C. W. Fox and other citi-zens of Evansville, and Eugene Huggins and other citizens of Newburg, of the state of West Virginia, praying for the adoption of the amendment to the constitution to prohibit polygamy.

Representative Freer presented bills as follows:

For the relief of Andrew J. Holley; for the relief of James Burnett; to pension Elizabeth Short; for the relief of sion Elizabeth Short; for the Feliel of John W. Trader: to pension John Cumpston for services in the late war; for the relief of Hiram and Hatcher Short; for the relief of John H. Forbush; for the relief of David W. Har-rison; to pension John Parsons; for the relief of Thomas B. Kirk; for the relief of Benjamin Stribling; granting an increase of pension to John S. Bell; to pension William J. Allen; to pension Elizabeth Hyman; for the relief of Wilson S. Nugent; for the relief of Ben-jamin F. Hall; for the relief of John H. Gardner, and for the relief of Hi-

ram Stewart. Representative Dovener presented a petition from citizens of Bethany and Middlebourne, W. Va., against the seating of B. H. Roberts as representative from Utah. Representative Freere also oresputed a petition from various religious denominations and citizens West Virginia of the same purport.

THE CURRENCY BILL

Comes Up in the House To-day, and Debate on That Measure Will Overshadow Everything Else-It Remains to be Seen Whether the Gold Democrats Will Stick With the Re-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-The house WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The house will devote to-morrow entirely to the financial debate on the currency hill. Under the terms of the special order, adopted on Friday, the general debate will open to-morrow, immediately after the reading of the journal, and continue daily from noon until 5 o'clock Friday. On Saturday the bill will be read paragraph by paragraph for amendment under the five-minute rule. The vote will not be taken until the following Monday. The debate will probably cover a wide range, including a general rethreshing of the campaign issue of 1886, and there may be some stormy incidents. The Mepublicans are arrayed solidly for the bill, but many of them who have never before advocated the gold standard doubtless will have to take the floor to explain their position. On the Democratic side, some of the members are reported as favoring the bill, but there has been no carvass made as yet, and it remains to be seen how many of them will so the members of the bill on the Republicans. Under the second of the will have to have charge of the bill on the floor, will make the opening argument in its support to-morrow. will devote to-morrow entirely to

ACTIVE MEASURES

To Be Taken to Guard Against the Plague, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—Sur-

placed on board the Filippinas, and despite their protests, were kept imprisoned on the vessel at Olongapo until their recent release."

Senor Rosello, who is chiefly responsible for the foregoing statement, admits that, except for one attempt to rob the merchants, for which Aguinalde punished the officers of the Filippinas are to remain in force until their days after the efficial annual members of the Filippinas are to remain in force until their days after the efficial annual members of the Filippinas are to remain in force until their days after the efficial annual members of the Filippinas are to remain in force until their days after the efficial annual members of the Filippinas are to remain in force until their days after the efficial annual members of the Filippinas and despite their protests, and the local conditions at those ports, has ignued regulations are to remain in force until their days after the efficial annual members of the sense of the place of the sense of

CARBONADO COAL MINE

Investigation to be Made Into the Condition of the Mine.

THIRTY-TWO MEN ARE DEAD.

Of Seventy-Six, Men in the Mine Forty-four Are Still Alive.

CARBONADO, Washington, Dec. 10.4 Stunned by the suddenness of last night's mine horror, the people hero seem too dazed for any expression two is the number of dead. were rescued at 5 o'clock this morning, after being entombed in the mine all night. They are Peter Merp, a French-man, and Michael Knish, a Pole. After Knish had recovered from the effects of

'I was working in the fourth cross when the explosion came. After that I went to sleep, and somebody came and woke me up and took me out of there.

That was the total measure of his period of consciousness. He laid in the cool depth over eighteen hours and had not the least conception of this length of time. On the other hand, Merp, the Frenchman, had been blindly groping around in the darkness for the most part of the night, on his hands and knees, seeking for some avenue of escape. With the exception of these two men, the death list remains the same.

The injured, in addition to Knish, number five. They are Andrew Kichinko, Michael J. Kichinko, Hungarians; Abraham Kalunki, Finni, and James Conway. All of them are severely burned, and Caldido Parolini, an Italian, had several ribs broken by falling timbers.

Governor Rogers will conduct a That was the total measure of his per-

ian, had several ribs broken by falling timbers.
Governor Rogers will conduct a searching examination as to the cause of the explosion. He telegraphed State Mine Inspector Owens, now at Spokane: to attend the inquest to-morrow, and examine witnesses himself. The question of insufficient ventilation of the mine in accordance with the state law, will be thoroughly zone into. It has been found impossible to secure an impartial coroner's jury in the mining disprict, and Coroner Hoskel has gone to Tacoma to select his jurors.

The theory of Superintendent Davis is that a small pocket of gas was opened, became ignited and caused the terrific explosion of dust which resulted in all the damage and loss of life.

The total number of men in the unfortunate shaft was seventy-six, of whom forty-four are alive, having escaped or been rescued.

THE NIAGARA

Foundered on Lake Erie, Off Long Point, and Was Lost, With All Hands, Numbering Sixteen People. Great Quantities of Wreckage Picked Up.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 10 .- It is now ertain that the Canadian steamer Ni agara, Capt. Henry McGlory, foundered on Tuesday evening last, about eight miles off Long Point, Lake Eric, with all hands, numbering sixteen persons. Tugs sent out from Port Colborne and from Buffalo, to search for the missing steamer have returned, bringing with them great quantities of wreckage picked up near where the steamer is supposed to have foundered, supposed to have toundered. Assemented were kage includes a part of the Niag-sra's deck, portions of the cabin, deck beams, other material, and a quantity of shingles marked "Parry Sound." from which port the Niagara sailed for

Judging from the amount of wreck-Jugging from the amount of weekage that has been found, the Niagara
must have broken up badly in the
storm. It is the opinion of lake captains that the boat went down in deep
water about eight miles east of Long
Point, as none of har spars have been
found, and if she had gone down in
stallow water, her would be sticking water they would be sticking

The storm which destroyed the Niag-The storm which destroyed the rian-ara was one of the worst that ever raged over Lake Eric. The wind was blowing a gale of forty-five miles an hour, and it was snowing heavily. Even the largest and strongest boats made for shelter, and it is the opinion of vessel men that Capt. McGlory at-tempted to turn his boat around and run under Long Point and in doing so encountered, the full force of the

THE WEEK IN THE SENATE

Will be Given Un to Routine Business and Committee Work-Reorganization of Committees Will Rsceive Special Attention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-The v does not promise to be a busy one in the senate, the indications being for routine business and short sessions inside the chamber, with much prepara-

Senator Mason will open the week with a speech on his resolution declaring the sympathy of the country with the Bosrs in their war with Great Britain. There may be other brief speeches upon this and other questions, though there is a general disposition on the part of senators to postone speech-making until after the holidays.

The Hepublican senators generally feel that the most important work for the present is to secure the reorganization of the committees, especially the finance committee, as preliminary to

present week.

The Shance committees may meel on Tuesday for preliminary consideration of the fluence bill, but this is not yet decided upon. The expectation now is that this bill will not be taken up in the senate until after the Christmas holidays.

the senate until after the classical states idays.

The committee on foreign relations will take up the reciprocity treaties of Wednesday. The committee on privileges and elections will consider the contests gver senatorial seats in a desultory way, but the real work on these will not begin until Saturday, when opposing counsel will be heard in the Quay case.

GOV. ATKINSON

Issued Requisition for Charles Apperson-Refused to Remit Fine. Estimate for Capitol Approved-Deings of the United States Court.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 18. Governor Atkinson yesterday issued a requisition on Governor Tanner, of Illiiols, for Charles Apperson, under indictment in Pocahontaa county, this state, for the murder of Mrs. Julia A. Simmons, on Swago creek, in Pocahontas county, several months ago. Apperson had an accomplice, Jerome Kellison, who is still at large, Apperson is in jail at Springfield, Ill.

Governor Atkinson yesterday refused to remit a fine of \$25 imposed in 1882 on John T. Vance in Mingo county for violation of the revenue laws. Vance was only a few weeks ago pardoned by the board of pardons from the pen itentiary, where he was serving a 12year sentence for manslaughter. His petition for remission was signed by a large number of prominent citisens of Mingo county, but the governor refused to grant it for lack of grounds. Vance is a son-in-law of "Devil Anse" Hat-field. The crime for which he was sent to the penitentiary was the killing of a man named Thompson, whom he claims he shot in self-defense. The governor refused to pardon him and he sent his case to the pardon board.

The board of public works hald a brief session yesterday afternoon, at which it approved the first estimate from the architect of the capitol annex to the contractor. The estimate amounted to \$1,950.

In the United States court yesterday a judgment for \$110 77 was rendered in favor of the government and against C. A. Monroe Meadows and his bondsmen. John H. High and A. H. Mahone. The suit was the third and last of three brought by the government to recover from Meadows balances alleged to be due from him on account of alleged false returns of cancellation made him to the postoffice department while he was postmaster at Kanawha City. In the other two cases the ver-dict was signing Meadows in one and against the government in the other.

Requisition Honored.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 10.— Governor Atkinson has honored a requisition on Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, for Harry McLeod, alias Harry Kennedy, alias Harry Denmore, who is wanted in Lucas county, Ohlo, for grand farcenry. McLeod is now in jail at Parkersburg

MACRUM

In Helieved to Bring Important Information From Eruger That Will Lead to Ending the Transvaal War. CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- A special to the Chronicle from East Liverpool, Ohio,

BBYB: Friends in this city of Charles E. Macrum, until recently United States consul at Pretoria, Transvasi Republic, say he is returning to this country with important information for the state department, which he was un-

willing to risk cabling.

His letters conclusively prove that
not only was Macrum not persons nongrata to the Transvaal government, grain to the Transvaal government, but that he was on the best possible personal terms with President Kruger. Cabling could only be done over a line controlled in part by England. It is believed the information brought by Macrum is from President Kruger, and the purpose is to initiate measures to bring the war to a close on honorable terms to the Dutch republic.

FEDERATION OF LABOR

Convention at Detroit-None But the Elect Can Speak.

DETROIT. Mich., Dec. 10.—Nearly all of the 180 delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention had to-night presented their credentials at headquarters. Many unofficial visitors have arrived, among them representa-tives of the bar-tenders' union, and others who desire to obtain full membership. The bar-tenders have established headquarters. According to the of arrangements, the convention was to have been formally welcomed by Gov-ernor Pingree and Mayor Maybury, as well as by Michigan members of convention, but it was considered improbable to-night that any outsider will address the convention. A rule of or-der covering this question says:

'None other than members of a bonafide trade union shall be permitted to address the convention, or read a paper of the convention.'

As the delegates will not be permitted to vote until their credentials led to vote until their credentials have been duly passed upon, it is not deemed proper to take a vote on the matter at the outset. It is possible that this technicality may be walved, although it has not been customary for other than trades union members to speak, except by special request of the convention.

P. J. McGuire, of Philadelphia, first vice president of the Federation, and president of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters, will call to order if he arrives in time, otherwise James Dun-

of Carpenters, will call to order if he arrives in time, otherwise James Duncan, second vice president, will preside. Delegates from the international unions have one vote for each one hundred members represented; local organizations, not members of international bodies, have each one delegate and one vote.

Weather Forecast for To-day. For West Virginia, Western Pennayi-rania and Ohio: Hain Monday. Thea-lay: Rain or snow, and colder: fresh to prish cent to south winds, becoming torthwesterly Tuesday.

Local Temperature. The temperature Saturday, as observed by C. Schnegf, druggist, corner Mark and Pourteenth streets, was as follows:

Sunday.